BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program provides courses that balance social scientific analysis of power relations with a focus on the politics and values of community, wherever community can be found, restored or created. Through their coursework and activities, students develop foundational knowledge regarding the causes and consequences of socioeconomic inequalities in the U.S. and around the world; the rise of the U.S. as a global power and how that power is used; the major environmental, political and socioeconomic threats facing the global community; and the historical development of American democracy and its application to contemporary political challenges.

Political science majors also develop the ability to engage in normative and empirical forms of inquiry: they can explain how different subfields in the discipline approach the study of politics scientifically, and they can critically analyze the justifications for individual political actions and governmental policies using normative and ethical reasoning. Students complete the major with a senior seminar in which they engage major questions in political science and develop a sustained, independently conceived contribution to these questions in the form of a senior thesis. Upon graduation, political science majors have the tools necessary for active, informed and sustained engagement with the political process.

In addition to the core requirements common to all political science majors, students may choose to concentrate their studies either in the politics track, the public policy and leadership track, or the global affairs track. For more information about these three tracks, see the Tracks tab (p. 3). The department strongly advises students as they design their academic and professional development outside the political science major. Extracurricular leadership activities, courses in diversity, and a background in statistics and economics are encouraged as ways to support learning in the public policy and leadership track.

Because experiences in government or politics are key to learning how to apply and transfer knowledge gained in the classroom to the professional or civic realm, political science majors at Quinnipiac are required to have a for-credit experiential learning course or internship. Students may choose between an advanced internship, a course in the QU in DC (http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy-political-science/washington-dc-program/) program, a political science course taken part of a Study Abroad (http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/study-abroad/) semester, or a course where academic learning is integrated with a community service learning project. Students should plan with their academic advisers early to complete this requirement before the start of their senior year. With department approval, this requirement may be completed with one of the following:

- A political science advanced internship PO 395 of 3 or more credits;
- A political science course taken in a study abroad (http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/study-abroad/) program;
- A political science course taken in the QU in DC program (http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy-political-science/washington-dc-program/) or PO 365;
- A service learning course in any discipline (must have "SL" designation).

Electives: Tracks in Political Science

Students choosing to focus their studies in the politics track, the public policy and leadership track, or the global affairs track may choose from among the following electives beyond the core required courses:

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BA in Political Science Curriculum

The BA in Political Science requires the completion of courses in the University Curriculum, the CAS curriculum and the political science core curriculum, with a minimum grade of C in all courses. No more than 6 credits of internship (PO 295, PO 395) may count toward the completion of the major. Students majoring in political science must meet the following requirements for graduation:

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Experiential Requirement

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#### Code Title
- PO 219 Women and Political Thought (WS 219)
- PO 221 Introduction to Latin America
- PO 227 The Politics of Intimacy
- PO 231 Elections and Political Parties (SL: Service Learning)
- PO 245 International Political Economy
- PO 247 Actors and Processes in U.S. Foreign Policy
- PO 280 Congress and the President
- PO 311 Topics in International Relations
- PO 312 Philosophy of War and Peace (PL 312)
- PO 315 Democratic Theory and Practice
- PO 317 International Law (LE 317)
- PO 319 International Interventions
- PO 321 Comparative Government
- PO 325 Political Psychology and Public Opinion
- PO 331 Topics in Comparative Government
- PO 333 Middle Eastern History and Politics
- PO 334 Topics in African Politics
- PO 335 Politics of Race and Ethnicity
- PO 337 Human Rights: Theory and Practice (PL 337)
- PO 342 Comparative Constitutional Law (LE 342)
- PO 349 Political Communication (MSS 349)
- PO 353 American Constitutional Law (LE340)
- PO 354 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- PO 360 Topics in American Politics
- PO 362 Presidential Election Campaigns (SL: Service Learning)
- PO 365 Inside Washington, D.C.
- PO 370 State and Local Government
- PO 387 Women and Public Policy (WS 387)

#### Cognate courses:
- IB 201 Globalization and International Business
- PS 261 Social Psychology
- SO 264 Power and Social Institutions

**Total Credits** 15

### Global Affairs Track

Select 15 credits of the following political science or cognate courses:

#### Code Title
- PO 101 Issues in Politics
- PO 209 Environmental Politics and Policy
- PO 221 Introduction to Latin America
- PO 245 International Political Economy
- PO 247 Actors and Processes in U.S. Foreign Policy
- PO 311 Topics in International Relations
- PO 312 Philosophy of War and Peace (PL 312)
- PO 317 International Law (LE 317)
- PO 319 International Interventions
- PO 321 Comparative Government
- PO 333 Middle Eastern History and Politics
- PO 334 Topics in African Politics
- PO 335 Politics of Race and Ethnicity
- PO 337 Human Rights: Theory and Practice (PL 337)
- PO 342 Comparative Constitutional Law (LE 342)

#### Cognate courses
- IB 201 Globalization and International Business

**Total Credits** 15

### Public Policy and Leadership Track

Select 15 credits of the following:

#### Code Title
- PO 205 Public Policy and Administration
- PO 206 Ethics and Public Policy
- PO 209 Environmental Politics and Policy
- PO 216 American Political Thought
- PO 227 The Politics of Intimacy
- PO 231 Elections and Political Parties (SL: Service Learning)
- PO 247 Actors and Processes in U.S. Foreign Policy
- PO 280 Congress and the President
- PO 315 Democratic Theory and Practice
- PO 325 Political Psychology and Public Opinion
- PO 335 Politics of Race and Ethnicity
- PO 349 Political Communication (MSS 349)
- PO 353 American Constitutional Law (LE340)
- PO 354 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- PO 360 Topics in American Politics
- PO 362 Presidential Election Campaigns (SL: Service Learning)
- PO 365 Inside Washington, D.C.
- PO 370 State and Local Government
- PO 387 Women and Public Policy (WS 387)

#### Cognate courses
- IB 201 Globalization and International Business

**Total Credits** 15

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1. All students must complete the University Curriculum ([http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/](http://catalog.qu.edu/academics/university-curriculum/)) requirements.
Students must complete the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum (http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/cas-curriculum/) requirements specific to their major. See details below.

In addition to political science courses, a student may count up to two of the cognate courses toward completion of the political science major.

**College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum**

The College of Arts and Sciences offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees. Students earning either degree must complete one foreign language through the 102-level, and all students are encouraged to pursue a balanced program of study.

In addition, students earning a bachelor of arts degree must fulfill separate requirements for breadth and depth of study.

For the breadth requirement, students must complete at least 3 credits in each of the four CAS disciplinary areas other than the area of the student’s major. These areas are fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. A course taken to fulfill the CAS breadth requirement may not also be used to fulfill a UC requirement.

For the depth requirement, students must complete at least 9 credits within a single subject area other than that of the major. (A “subject area” is identified with a catalog subject code, such as PL, CJ, WS, MA, etc.)

A student enrolled in the Accelerated Dual-Degree BA/JD or BS/JD (3+3) program is exempt from these College of Arts and Sciences requirements, with the exception of the foreign language requirement. A student pursuing a double major is likewise exempt from these College of Arts and Sciences requirements, with the exception of the foreign language requirement.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the program, students will achieve the following competencies:

1. **Understanding**: Knowledge and understanding of the scope of political theory, history, diverse human interests and cultures, and a wide range of political phenomena (e.g., intercultural relations, institutions, systems of power, electoral systems, political behavior, policy issues, forms of political action, and rival accounts of political stability and change).

2. **Empirical Inquiry**: Ability to assess diverse theories and empirical evidence in the political science field, to independently frame a research question with a research design, and to then carry out a basic exploratory investigation.

3. **Normative Inquiry**: Capacity for normative analysis of politics, founded on knowledge of the core concepts and history of political theory. Major texts, multiple schools of thought, and diverse cultural theoretical perspectives.

4. **Responsible Engagement**: Capability for reflection on one’s own experiences of action in civic or political engagement, in a way which synthesizes empirical inquiry, normative inquiry, ethical responsibility, and respect for diverse perspectives in the political world.

5. **Communication**: Verbal and written ability to communicate one’s political judgments in clear, organized, concise and reasoned persuasive arguments, supported by analysis of moral norms, empirical evidence.

**Politics Track**

The politics track provides students with a general background in political issues, policies and topics according to the interests of the student. Students may select any of the electives offered in the department to complete this track. The politics track is ideal for students interested in experiencing a wide variety of topics and exploring diverse forms of political phenomena—from local government to national policy to global issues.

**Public Policy and Leadership Track**

The public policy and leadership track provides students with the opportunity to undertake an academic and experiential program that will develop the intellectual tools for leadership and public service in government and nongovernmental organizations. Courses and experiential programs within this concentration emphasize the study of civic engagement, leadership skills, institutional design, the policymaking process and the ethical responsibilities of leadership within an increasingly diverse community. This track is distinctive in how it combines the study of public policy with analysis of the increasingly important ethical dilemmas of public leadership in issues of gender, race and ethnicity.

**Global Affairs Track**

The global affairs track provides students with the experience and intellectual tools for service and leadership in governmental and nongovernmental organizations that operate in the international/global realm. The program of study emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of politics and organization at the international level; in addition to work in political science, a student following this track is encouraged to pursue upper-level courses in anthropology, sociology, history, economics, language and management. Students may choose to further specialize with a geographic region of focus based around the study of comparative politics or an institutional focus based around the study of international law and organizations.

**Admission Requirements: College of Arts and Sciences**

The requirements for admission into the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences programs are the same as those for admission to Quinnipiac University.

Admission to the university is competitive, and applicants are expected to present a strong college prep program in high school. Prospective first-year students are strongly encouraged to file an application as early in the senior year as possible, and arrange to have first quarter grades sent from their high school counselor as soon as they are available.

For detailed admission requirements, including required documents, please visit the Admissions (http://catalog.qu.edu/general-information/admissions/) page of this catalog.

**Seamless Transfer Agreement with Gateway Community College (GCC), Housatonic Community College (HCC) and Norwalk Community College (NCC)**

Under this Transfer Agreement, GCC, HCC and NCC graduates will be guaranteed admission into a bachelor’s degree program with third year (junior) status at Quinnipiac University on the condition that they:
• Graduate with an associate in arts, an associate in science in business, College of Technology engineering science, nursing or an allied health degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (this may be higher in specific programs).

• Satisfy all other Quinnipiac University transfer admission requirements and requirements for intended major.

Quinnipiac University agrees to accept the general education embedded in these associate degree programs in accordance with Quinnipiac preferred choices for general education as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate general education except for the Integrative Capstone Experience and where courses are encumbered by the major (e.g., General Chemistry for the Disciplinary Inquiry Natural Science requirement for a Biochemistry major).

**Suggested Transfer Curriculum for BA in Political Science**

A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer into the BA in Political Science program. Students are recommended to take either Introduction to Political Science or Introduction to International Relations (or both), as well as a data analysis or statistics course. Below is a recommended plan of study for the first two years prior to matriculation at Quinnipiac University.

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